

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Surgical Technologists (29-2055)

Associated Occupation: Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other (29-2099)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	15.5	13.2	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	15.1	15.2	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Psychology	6.4	10.5	10.3	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Biology	3.7	8.0	9.2	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 77

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	11.3	9.4	<	A higher skill level may be required
Service Orientation	7.9	10.4	8.7	<	A higher skill level may be required

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	13.5	12.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	10.9	10.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Selective Attention	8.7	9.7	11.4	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Finger Dexterity	7.6	9.2	10.6	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Visual Color Discrimination	6.4	8.3	8.6	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Time Sharing	6.6	7.5	8.6	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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There are no common work activities.

Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 64

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Industry specific software	1
Medical diagnostic x ray products	26
Medical imaging processing equipment and supplies	33
Medical radiological imaging information and archiving products	43
Medical ultrasound and doppler and echo imaging products	19
Network applications software	1
Oxygen therapy delivery systems and devices	13
Resuscitation supplies	29
Specimen collection and transport containers and supplies	14
Surgical clamps and forceps and surgical ligators and related instruments	29
Surgical cutting instruments and snares and related products	24
Suture and related products	23
Suture and surgical tissue closure instruments and related products	33
Syringes and accessories	14

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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